



## COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM MEMORANDUM

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**DEPT./DIVISION SUBMISSION & REVIEW:**

Natalie Alvara, Director of Library

**ITEM DESCRIPTION:** Consider adopting a resolution authorizing the application and acceptance of grant funds from the Summerlee Foundation Texas History Program, in an amount not to exceed \$8,687.06.

**BACKGROUND:** The Summerlee Foundation’s Texas History Program funds preservation projects in all regions of Texas and in the disciplines of archeology, archives, libraries, media, museums, middle and secondary schools, higher education, preservation, publications and scholarly research. The Temple Railroad & Heritage Museum is applying for this grant to request funding of \$8,687.06 to perform necessary testing for hazardous materials – lead, asbestos, and arsenic – in the passenger rail cars that are part of the museum's rolling stock collection. This testing is imperative as restoration work cannot begin without knowledge of harmful materials within the interior and exterior of the passenger cars.

**ALIGNMENT WITH ADOPTED PLANS:**

Plan	Comments
Strategic Plan	The City of Temple’s Strategic Plan emphasizes preserving and enhancing the city’s heritage, fostering economic vitality, and ensuring a safe and sustainable environment for its residents and visitors. This grant proposal aligns with these core priorities by facilitating the safe and responsible restoration of historic passenger rail cars, a vital part of Temple’s transportation and cultural history.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommend approval of this resolution.

**BOARDS & COMMISSIONS RECOMMENDATION:** This item was not reviewed by any of the official boards and commissions.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** If awarded, the City will receive \$8,687.06 from the Summerlee Foundation Texas History Program to fund hazardous material testing, estimated at \$8,687.06.

**ATTACHMENTS:**  
Resolution